

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA**, on February 8, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Don Ryan (D)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Chris Lohse, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 339, 2/4/2005  
Executive Action: SB 91, SB 298, SB 312

00:00:00

**HEARING ON SB 339**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

SEN. JOE BALLYEAT (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SB 339, Free conservation, hunting, and fishing licenses for military.

**EXHIBIT**(fis31a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:21           Mr. Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations  
                    of the National Guard of Montana

**EXHIBIT**(fis31a02)

00:21:47           Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman,  
                    American Legion  
00:22:43           Mr. Dan Antonetti, State Legislative Chairman,  
                    Veterans of Foreign Wars  
00:24:01           Mr. Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes  
                    Unlimited  
00:25:19           SEN. BILL TASH, SD 36, DILLON  
00:26:27           Mr. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:27:05           Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fis31a03)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:37:46           Major General Randy Mosley, Montana National Guard

00:39:17

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:20

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:31           Break  
01:20:54           Resume

01:21:08

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 91

Motion: SEN. RYAN moved that SB 91 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 91 BE AMENDED WITH SB009101.ACL.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis31a04)

Discussion:

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with SEN. LARSON voting no.

Motion: SEN. BALYEAT moved that SB 91 BE AMENDED WITH SB009102.ACL. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis31a05)

Motion: SEN. LARSON moved that SB 91 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with SEN. BARKUS voting no.

01:34:11

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 298

Motion: SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 298 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 298 BE AMENDED WITH SB029801.ACL.

Discussion:

Mr. Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited

[EXHIBIT](#)(fis31a06)

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 91 DO PASS AS AMENDED.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:38:10

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 312

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 312 DO PASS.

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 312 BE AMENDED WITH  
SB031201.ACL.

EXHIBIT(fis31a07)

Discussion:

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Motion: SEN. BALES moved that SB 312 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

Mr. Larry Peterman, Fish Wildlife and Parks

Vote: Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. BALYEAT and  
SEN. LARSON voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

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SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fis31aad0.TIF](#))**